



2015 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY July 20, 2015
7:00 PM**

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Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Keith Potvin.

Public Present: Tim Smith, Franklin County Industrial Development and Kevin Hastings, owner Morse Hardwoods and Amoskeag; Joe Trask, Duffy's Trash & Recycling; Doug Collins, Cemetery Commission and LCATV.

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: 7.6.15

*Randy motioned to accept the minutes as written - seconded by Keith. Motion carried, vote 5-0.

Payroll and Order Warrants: Tom reviewed the payroll and order warrants.

Public Comment: N/A. Deb Woodward informed the Board that currently the line of credit is at \$25,000.00. Deb stated that there has been some big expenses as well as the first bond payment on the town office has been paid.

Deb Woodward, Town Clerk & Treasurer:

Deb is here this evening to present the tax rate for approval: Residential rate 1.8196 and non-residential rate 2.0846. The Board approved the rate by consensus; Tom signed off on the 2015 tax rate.

Deb addressed the Board on how to handle late homestead filing fees. There's an option that the Board can agree to waive all penalty fees. By consensus of the Board they agreed to *not* waive the penalty fees for filing late.

Skip Taylor, Zoning Administrator:

Skip handed out his Activity Report dated 6.16.15 through 7.20.15, which the Board reviewed. Skip talked about possibly retiring in November or December and the possible options for staffing the zoning office. We will meet with Skip and Amber at the August 17th SB meeting to discuss. It was noted that building permits are down from this time in previous years. The property located at MA1126 was discussed regarding water allocations. The owner would like to rebuild on the lot in the same footprint of the former building.

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Skip received a packet of information from the property owner of MA1166. The property is currently permitted as a rooming and boarding house. The owner has an issue with the description of a "household unit" living as a "family". The owner referred to them as "living as slaves". Skip informed the Board that he has handed the owner's concerns over to the Planning Commission.

Tim Smith, Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation

Kevin Hastings, owner Morse Hardwoods and Amoskeag:

Tim asked the Board that due to the sensitivity of their visit they would like to go into executive session.

*Randy motioned that they enter into executive session due to the information being discussed is of a private nature, seconded by Keith. Motion carried.

*Lauri motioned that the reason to go into executive session is the consideration of records, document and that information is not public. The motion was seconded by Keith, so moved, vote 5-0.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 pm. and exited out at 8:15 pm.

Action: Lauri made the motion to move forward with the CBG (Community Block Grant) with the Boards approval. The CBG is administered by the Agency of Commerce.

Kevin Hastings invited the Board to take a tour of the facility.

Joe Trask, Duffy's Trash & Recycling:

Joe was asked to come in this evening to discuss Act 148. Randy asked Joe how far they want to jump into this with the town. Duffy's presented a proposal to the town in the amount of \$7500, which would cover up to July 2016. (Please see SB minutes 4.6.15.) The Board asked Joe to present a more detailed list of what the \$7500 would include. A discussion ensued on various options between the town and Duffy's as well as possibly joining a solid waste district. Joe will supply the Board with a more detailed list and a discussion will take place at the August 3rd SB meeting.

Duffy's contract is up for renewal December 2016. The Board would like to extend their contract another six months so bids are being taken in July as opposed to December.

Doug Collins, Cemetery Commission:

Doug is here to discuss access to Mudgett Cemetery for maintenance purposes. We will acquire the cost of the survey as well as the estimate for the road. Tom will contact the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division in the meantime. We will put this in the 2016 budget if found to be feasible.

Doug was asked about a couple of incidents that occurred at the Beaver Meadow cemetery. Doug was advised on how to handle any incident in the future. He was also advised to refer anyone to the Selectboard if there's a problem.

Other Business:

1. A letter was received from the Lister's, dated July 7, 2015, asking the Board to approve a change to the 2015 Grand List due to a recent PVR procedure change. The Board, by consensus, approved the change noted on the letter. All Board members signed off on the letter in approval.

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2. The IT room at the town office, where all the electronic devices are stored, is having a problem with executing heat due to poor ventilation. A discussion was undertaken as to the best and cost effective way to solve this problem.
3. The Board was reminded regarding the upcoming Bessette Road site visit and hearing Monday, July 27. The site visit at Bessette Road will be held at 3 pm. and the hearing at the town office at 4 pm.
4. Tom signed the Wastewater Permit Program June Operations Report Aerated Lagoon. It will be returned to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division.

Adjourn:

*Lauri made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm., seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried, vote 5-0.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard

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